by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Government of Uttaranchal has informed that all facilities including roads, electricity, drinking water supply, irrigation and other essential community facilities *i.e.* schools, barat ghar, shops, dispensaries, places of whorship, etc. have been provided at Mauja Pathri/Suman Nagar, Bahadrabad rehabilitation sites in District Haridwar. Agricultural plots (2 acre each) have been provided separately from residential plots (200 Sq. m. each) and all individual agricultural plots were marked by RCC pillars and earthen boundaries. Government of Uttaranchal has informed that further demarcation can be done at any time on demand of the individual oustees. Since developed irrigated land has already been provided for agricultural plots, further electric connections are to be provided by the State Powerd Distribution Utility on application of the individuals.

Extension of Mid-Day Meal Scheme

*215. SHRI A.K. ANTONY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has represented for the extension of Mid-Day Meal Scheme for students from class VII to class X;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala had requested for extension of the Mid Day Meal Scheme up to class X level.

(c) The Mid Day Meal Scheme of the Government of India covers the primary level only. There is no proposal at present to extend the Mid Day Meal Scheme up to class X.

Mega power projects

*216. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up mega power projects of 4000 MW each costing about Rs. 16000 crores during 2006;

(b) if so, whether many foreign countries like China, Korea, New Zealand, Europe and the US have shown keen interest in investing in these power projects;

(c) if so, whether Government have also received expressions of interest from around 35 domestic and international companies to build these thermal power projects in the country; and

(d) if so, by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Ministry of Power through Power Finance Corporation is facilitating the Development of a few Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPP) of 4,000 MW capacity each under tariff based competitive bidding route through Shell Companies. After Request for Qualification (RFQ) stage, for Sasan UMPP, 13 bidders and for Mundra UMPP, 12 bidders have pre-qualified. Pre-qualified bidders include companies from, Japan, United States of America, Canada, Singapore and China. Lists are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). In other projects Expression of Interests were also received from various national/international investors including those from Sweden, Australia, Japan, China, U.S.A., South Korea, Kuwait and Malaysia.

(d) The time line for identification of successful bidders for Sasan and Mundra Ultra Mega Power Projects has been set as December, 2006.

Statement

List of Request for Qualification (RFQ) Bidders

(a) Mundra UMPP

Sl. No.	Bidder	Foreign/Indian
1	2	3
1.	Adani Exports Ltd., IDFC, Gujarat Adani Port Ltd.	Indian
2.	AES India Pvt. Ltd.	Indian
3.	CLP Power India Pvt. Ltd.	China
4.	Essar Power Ltd.	Indian
5.	Khanjee, GMH and TXU*	U.S.A
6.	L&T	Indian

1	2	3
7.	Reliance Energy Generation Limited	Indian
8.	SNC Lavalin International Inc.-Lanco Consortium	Canada-Indian
9.	Sterlite Industries Limited	Indian
10.	Sumitomo Corporation	Japan
11.	Tata Power Company Limited	Indian
12.	Torrent Power AEC Limited	Indian

*Provisionally qualified.

(b) Sasan UMPP

Sl. No.	Bidder	Foreign/Indian
1.	AES India Pvt. Ltd.	Indian
2.	CESC Limited	Indian
3.	Essar Power Ltd.	Indian
4.	CLP-GMR Consortium	China-Indian
5.	Jaiprakash Associates Limited	Indian
6.	Jindal Steel & Power Limited	Indian
7.	Globeleq Singapore Pte., Lanco Infratech Limited	Singapore-Indian
8.	L&T	Indian
9.	NTPC	Indian
10.	Reliance Energy Generation Limited	Indian
11.	Sterlite Industries Limited	Indian
12.	Tata Power Company Limited	Indian
13.	Torrent Power AEC Limited	Indian

Setting up of foreign educational institute

†*217. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for setting up any foreign educational institute in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of that foreign institute;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.